

# CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMPETENCY

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February 10, 2021  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Video-Conference

### MINUTES

**Attendees:** Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Isabel Alvarez, Troy Brown, Juana Brown, Samuel Bruder, Sandra Cardone, Lia Cestaro, Patrick (PJ) Deak, Juanita Halepas, Esther Harris, Zarin Kapur, Meghan Korn, Daisy Ortiz, Michaelangelo Palmieri, Philip Strambler, Spiro Uyar, and Shawna Woodard

**Guest:** Judge Sanchez-Figueroa

**Absent:** Cristina Johnson, Felix Rodriguez and Ewa Wojewodzki

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m.

Chief Justice Robinson introduced Judge Sanchez-Figueroa, presiding judge of juvenile matters in Middletown.

The minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

### GAL Training

The ACCC received a request from the Standing Committee of Guardian ad Litem to conduct a diversity course this summer. The Chief added that our committee has conducted several training classes external to the Branch. Troy Brown and Zarin Kapur will co-facilitate the introductory course this summer. More information will be provided at a later date.

### Updates/Discuss Racial Justice Document

The ACCC reviewed and discussed the answer to racial justice document supplied by Chief Justice Robinson. Several questions were presented and some follow-up will be addressed and discussed at future ACCC meetings.

### New Business

Judge Sanchez-Figueroa will serve as the chair of this committee. Chief Justice Robinson will continue to be present and active on the committee while supporting Judge Sanchez-Figueroa in this new role. Shawna will confirm her availability for the remaining ACCC meetings in the 2021 calendar year, and will schedule them in Microsoft Teams accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.